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SUBJ: ADDRESS OF SOMALI PRESIDENT SIYAD TO EAST-CENTRAL
AFRICAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER STAR AND SONNA NEWS BULLETIN, SEPT. 3, 1974 REPORTED
ON SOMALI PRESIDENT YYAD BARRE'S, CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN, ADDRESS
TO THE EAST-CENTRAL AFRICAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN BRAZZAVILLE.

EXCERPTS OF SPEECH FROM SONNA NEWS BULLETIN:
(BEGIN EXCERPTS): PRESIDENT OF THE SDR GENERAL MOHAMED SIYAD
BARRE SEPTEMBER 1, PROPOSED THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL MILITARY
HIGH COMMAND COMPOSED OF UNITS FROM EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN
COUNTRIES...HE SAID SUCH A FORCE SHOULD BE IN HARMONY WITH THE
CONTINENTAL CONCEPT OF AN OAU FORCE...

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SRC FURTHER ADDED THAT THE QUESTION OF
SAFEGUARDING THE DEFENCE OF THESE CZERRITORIES IS AN AFRICAN
RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT IS WHY SOMALIA PROPOSES THE CREATION OF
A REGIONAL FORCE. "AFRICA SHOULD ALSO HELP THESE TERRITORIES
MORALL AND MATERIALLY IN THE ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL
FIELDS," HE EMPHSIZED...

"WE ARE TOTALLY AND UNCOMPROMISINGLY COMMITTED TO THE AFRICAN
LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ALL OF ITS ASPECTS AND WE ARE DETERMINED
AT WHATEVER COST TO SECURE FOR ALL AFRICANS EVERYWHERE THEIR
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RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE WORLD," SAID THE CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN...

PRESIDENT SIYAD ALSO PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECRETARIAT FOR THE CONFERENCE ADDING THAT SUCH A SECRETARIAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE REALISATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF PQE OAU AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE CORRESPONDENT, MOHAMED HASSAN KAHIE SAID THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECRETARIAT FOR THE REGIONAL GROUPING WHICH WAS MADE BY SOMALIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES WAS POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT SUMMER CONFIRMZYGQNVMA# AND EXCERPTS.

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